

INDIANA DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

COMMITTEE MEETING

March 6, 2001

The IDACS Committee met on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 10:30 a.m., at the Youth Education and Historical Center with the following members in attendance:

Major Fred Pryor
(Andre' Clark proxy for
Captain Sam Messman)
Deborah Cook
Mike Dearing
Sheriff Tom Debaun

Gerald Gagne
Don Kottowski
David Mollenkopf
D. Michael Paxton
Cindy Snyder
Harold Williams

Advisory members present:

Sergeant John Clawson

Chairman Fred Pryor called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m., with a quorum.

OPENING COMMENTS

No opening comments

CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS TO MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 5, 2000 MEETING

Cindy Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Gerald Gagne. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Dearing reported Ken Wilson has been conducting the training for the Indianapolis Regional Computer Center. Since December twenty-nine (29) tests were given and the average score is 91.34 for the Full Service Operators. Total number of tests given during that time was two hundred forty-five (245), Inquiry and Full Service. Mr. Wilson is providing tests results and there have been no problems.

Chairman Pryor asked for the Committee's recommendation. Gerald Gagne made a motion to let the Indianapolis Regional Computer Center continue the Pilot Program for Full Service Operators. Cindy Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Dearinger said he has just received the lesson plan and test submitted by IPD and has not had a chance to review it yet regarding Regional Computer Centers training and testing agency Coordinators behind them. Mr. Dearinger made a motion this remains as a Pilot Program and address the matter at the next meeting. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

New Agencies/Additional Terminals

After receiving favorable recommendations from the System Security Officers and the System Coordinator, the following new terminal agencies and additional terminals have been approved. (See the enclosed attachments to the minutes). Motion was made by Gerald Gagne to approve the new agencies and terminals and Mike Dearinger seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Terminal Operators Approved

After receiving favorable recommendation from the System Coordinator, I approved nine (9) IDACS operators with an arrest record. The decision was based on there being no felony convictions.

IDACS Coordinator Report

Dennis Eaton furnished Mike Dearinger with some statistics from February 2001, we experienced the highest daily average of IDACS transactions ever, 665,952. The previous daily average high was March 2000 with 630,521. On March 2nd of this year the IDACS/CICS transactions reached an astounding 870,903. The previous high records were 821,747 on May 28, 1999 and 819,485 on March 12, 1999. The affects of the mobile data devices that are being added are obvious.

Mr. Dearinger announced that for those agencies present, they will pass out the new Code Manuals at the end of the meeting.

Michael Paxton gave an update on TCP/IP. In addition to completing the conversion of all ISP Districts to TCP/IP over the existing ISP Wide Area Network, we have begun the development of the code and testing to connect NCIC via TCP/IP. The benefits are greatly increased line speed; currently the line to NCIC is ~~2400~~⁹⁶⁰⁰ baud, the new line is 56k baud. The other advantage is currently NCIC requires sending one (1) transaction and waiting for the complete response, unless it is a Triple I request. This presents a problem when we hit peak times of the day, the new process will permit us to send four (4) transactions at a time, still having to wait on each one of our sessions for a response unless it is Triple I. An additional benefit is that all NCIC Administrative Messages and all Triple I responses will come back on a separate, unrelated fifth session, so it does not interfere with the regular "hot file" traffic going out and coming back. We are in the early testing phases and have seen some small successes getting the message round trip, but not consistent yet. Hopefully implementation will take place by the end of the second quarter.

Chairman Pryor reported that March 2, 2001, Datamax was awarded the contract for NCIC 2000. Datamax is a business partner with CPI for the switch. Datamax is the umbrella contractor and includes the client side also. We have asked for a browser-based system in addition to the standard graphical user interface. The wish list has been left in, the statewide tow-in file, the computer based training module and other new functionalities are included. Funding must be approved by the General Assembly, but nothing negative has been heard. This includes the software and hardware for the entire system, excluding the network. The network is in negotiations with the Intelnet Commission and we plan to schedule a meeting with the Regional Centers soon to talk about the interface.

There was a discussion after Cindy Snyder questioned some of the extremely long response time delays from NCIC several agencies are experiencing and gave the Chairman copies of paperwork with the statistics showing the lengths of time for a response.

IDACS Security Officer's Reports

Sgt. John Clawson stated he has issued three (3) Notice of Violations in the last quarter to the Whitley County Sheriff, Floyd County Sheriff and Speedway Police Department. These were all due to entries not supported by written documentation.

Sgt. Clawson urged agencies to check their files for their copies of the April 2000 Terminal Agency User Agreements. If the agency copy has not been returned, call IDACS and a copy will be sent for their files. Due to some temporary help in IDACS, it has been discovered some agency copies were re-filed in lieu of being mailed back to the agency.

Questions have been asked regarding running Triple I for Protective Orders. Sgt. Clawson suggests agencies run Triple I to pack the record for the entry.

Sgt. John Richards did not attend the meeting due to vacation.

Chairman Pryor added he answered the FBI Audit Report. There were a few categories that had errors; improper validation, not validating, Triple I, HUD violations and Missing Persons had a high percentage of errors.

AREA REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

Area I Harold Williams reported a couple of agencies had requested information about the Intelligent Transportation Center and connecting it with IDACS.

Chairman Pryor responded there are plans to co-locate the dispatchers for the Intelligent Transportation System in Marion County with our District 52 dispatchers. They will build a new facility at District 52. Applications with IDACS have not been discussed at this point. The Intelligent Transportation group is not criminal justice, we will need to explore other states which have co-located. It will probably be two (2) years before becoming a reality in Marion County. Don Kottlowski explained a little more in depth how the inner workings would be for this system.

Area II Cindy Snyder reported they have not had their Area Meeting, but she asked Sgt. Clawson about agencies that are like a regional center, they don't have the original copies on a case because the agencies want those copies. They do their own validation, but when her agency does the entries, they have copies. Sgt. Clawson responded that when they have a hit confirmation, call the other agency and have them look at the most current supporting document to say "yes" we still want this person or gun, etc.

Area III Gerald Gagne said they would have a meeting on April 17th at Bloomington Police Department.

Area IV Deborah Cook reported a Spring meeting has not been scheduled as yet. She had been contacted by a representative of Ohio regarding no longer receiving an expiration date on Ohio driving record checks. When they are run using the "Q" format, there is no expiring date shown. Evidently LEADS has had some type of software change and this is no longer shown, however, if you run the "QH" format, then you will get the expiration date, but you will get all the additional information that may not necessarily required at that time. Is to run a "QH" format the only option, or is there possibly an NLETS violation involved?

Chairman Pryor asked Ms. Cook to e-mail this information to him, he has a Regional Working Group meeting the first part of April and he can address it to the CTO from Ohio.

Andre' Clark informed the committee he has already called the NLETS representative for LEADS to ask if they are undergoing a program change. He has not had a response yet.

Area V David Mollenkopf said the Spring meeting has not been scheduled.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

None

AUDIENCE QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

A gentleman from IPD asked Michael Paxton about upgrades and changes for TCP/IP. Mr. Paxton responded that for non-State Police downstream agencies there are no changes as of yet. We are still trying to get the software necessary, especially for agencies such as IPD and Allen County who are programmatic data stream type agencies. We will need to get the software working properly with NCIC before considering how we might do a similar process with other agencies. Datamax and CPI will address NCIC 2000.

There was a question from the audience regarding entry of child support (Body Attachment) and why this cannot be done. There was a general discussion and explanation of the difference between a Warrant and a Body Attachment. Referral was made to the written opinion from August 21, 1997 by ISP Staff Attorney, Anthony Sommer, who was a Lieutenant at that time.

Chairman Pryor suggested an effort trying to get the law changed and make the language so it could be enforced to be entered the same as Protection Orders are now. Sheriff Tom Debaun said he had contacted the Indiana Sheriff's Association a couple of weeks ago to see if they could get a survey started to get the feelings of the Association about this problem. He has not had contact from the Association at this time. Sheriff Debaun also stated he would provide a copy of Major Sommers' opinion to the Association's legal staff.

Another audience question concerned policy or procedures when an agency terminal goes down. Their dispatcher was not able to get the system back up, they called DOC and had their traffic transferred to the County Sheriff. The dispatcher was told the problem had to be on their end and he was called in to work on the system. Three (3) hours later he called back to DOC to see if they were getting anything, there was a pause for a few minutes, then they were back on-line and had been locked out of the system for some reason. Michael Paxton answered, when they asked their traffic be handled by another agency, an indicator is put in to transfer all the traffic to another agency. When your problem is fixed, call and ask to be routed back. The DOC operator had not been contacted to route the traffic back to your system and that is what she did after you called and you came back on-line.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments, a motion was made to adjourn by Michael Paxton, seconded by Debra Cook. The Chairman adjourned the meeting. **Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 5, 2001, (10:30 a.m.) at the Warren Township Library on East 21st Street.**